

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the sixth paragraph on page 11 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2, BPON 200 includes a memory 210 that, like memory 120A, stores relationally-related information on the network end points EP1-EPn, such as the active identity numbers AN1-ANr of the optical network terminals ONT1-ONTr used at the network end points by the end users, the ranges RG1-RGr to the optical network terminals ONT1-ONTr, and the transmission delays TD1-TDr assigned to the optical network terminals ONT1-ONTr.

Please amend the seventh paragraph on page 11, which continues onto page 12, as follows:

As further shown in FIG. 2, one way that BPON 200 differs from BPON 100 is that memory 210 has memory cells that also store and associate a standby identity number SN1, such as a serial number, which represents a replacement optical network terminal, with a network end point when upgrades or repairs are to be performed to the ONT connected to the network end point.